



# Nantasket Beach Reservation Master Plan

## Hull, MA

In 2005, in conjunction with a project for seawall and beach accessway repairs at Nantasket Beach, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) initiated this *Nantasket Beach Reservation Master Plan*. The overarching goal for the plan is to provide an enhanced natural and recreational experience at Nantasket Beach, with:

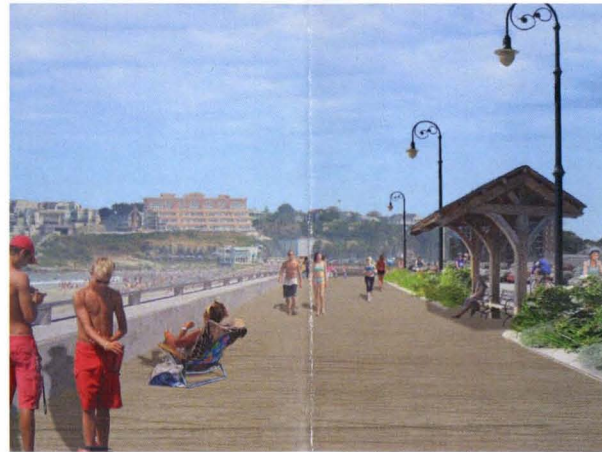
- Attractive amenities to support a wide range of activities,
- Safe and convenient access for pedestrians, cyclists, transit and ferry passengers and automobile users,
- Connections to adjacent bicycle paths and parking areas, as well as commercial and entertainment opportunities, and
- Increased amenities for high-tide and shoulder-season visitors.





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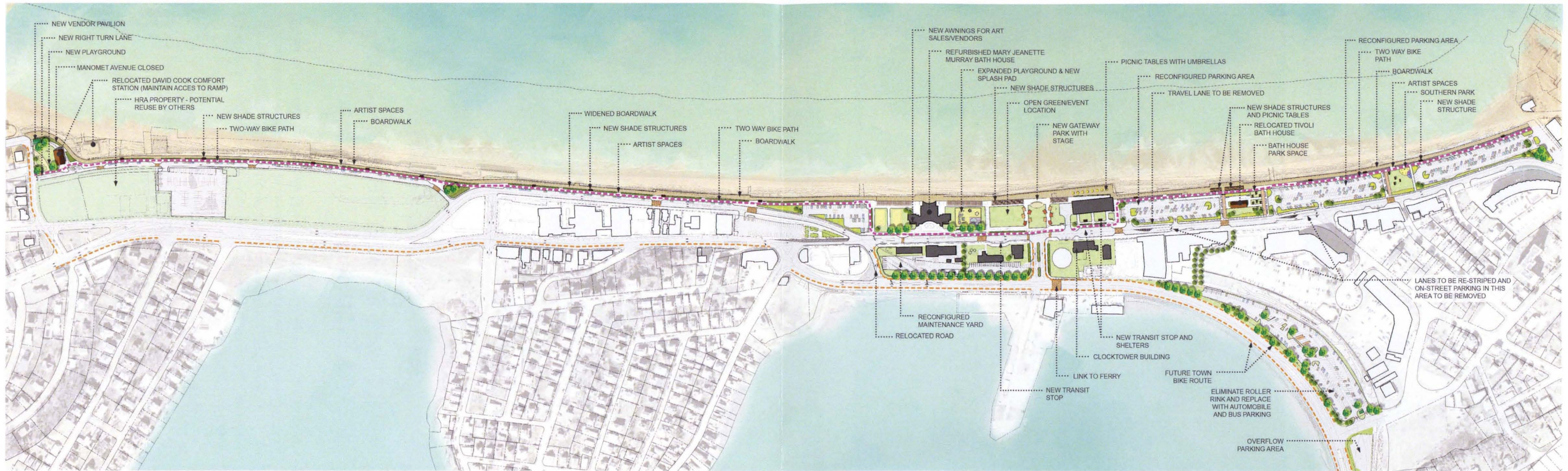


After

Above: Aerial view of Nantasket Beach; happy beach visitors.

At left, from top: Existing conditions photo and rendered view of Nantasket Green, with stage and shade structures, from Wharf Avenue; existing promenade and adjacent parking lot; rendering of boardwalk with shade structure, landscape buffer and bike path; existing conditions photo and rendering of recommended improvements to plaza behind the Bernie King Pavilion.





*Illustrative drawing of master plan recommendations*

The plan is designed to provide visitors with a “great day” at the Reservation from arrival to departure, while aiding the DCR in operating and maintaining the Reservation. The recommendations described throughout the master plan were developed to achieve that vision, and to respond to DCR’s needs and concerns, as well as the concerns that were expressed by the community and the Citizens Advisory Committee throughout the master plan process.

The plan recommendations are divided into the following categories:

- The Promenade/Boardwalk
- Open Space and Recreational Amenities
- Landscaping and Green Space
- Operations and Maintenance Area
- Vehicle and Pedestrian Access and Circulation
- Year Round Operations
- Interpretive Opportunities
- Wayfinding and Signage
- Phasing

Key recommendations include:

- Create Nantasket Green - a major new park at the foot of Wharf Avenue, providing a welcoming entrance to visitors and an important gathering spot.
- Provide a continuous boardwalk with shade shelters and artist spaces, extending the length of the Reservation.
- Create a bike path (adjacent to the boardwalk in most locations) extending the length of the Reservation and connecting to existing and proposed (by the Town of Hull) bicycle routes; along with new bicycle racks and opportunities for bicycle rental.
- Relocate both the David A. Cook Comfort Station and the Tivoli Bath House to more protected locations.
- Expand playgrounds at both the David A. Cook Comfort Station and Mary Jeanette Murray Bath House.
- Improve plazas adjacent to the Bernie King Pavilion and Tivoli Bath House.
- Plant new landscaping throughout the Reservation.

- Reconfigure the Nantasket Avenue/Hull Shore Drive intersection to improve traffic flow and allow for a more efficient and reorganized DCR operations and maintenance facility.
- Repair existing buildings.
- Improve parking operations and continue monitoring parking demand and capacity.

- Recommend potential options for the DCR facilities to improve utilization and provide additional funding for building maintenance.

## Implementation of the master plan will result in:

- New open space: 2.38 acres including 1.02 acre Nantasket Green + potential for additional 5.88 acres (from potential future conversion of parking lots to parkland)
- Continuous boardwalk with shade shelters and artist spaces: 2.68 acre boardwalk
- Continuous bike path: 1.3 miles
- More protected locations for the Cook Comfort Station and Tivoli Bath House
- Expanded playgrounds
- Improved plazas
- New landscaping: 1.76 acres
- Enhanced vehicular/pedestrian access, circulation and parking
- New interpretive opportunities
- Introduction of wayfinding and signage program
- Improved operations and maintenance area
- Improved parking signage and real-time availability information





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